

Merrbaugh Saltbox
AL-VI-C-192

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Merrbaugh Saltbox

AND/OR COMMON

Elliott Saltbox

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Railroad Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Barton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

W.R. Elliott

Telephone #: 463-5096

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barton

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland 21521

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 499

Folio #: 677

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-0-0-192

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Merrbaugh Saltbox is located on Railroad Street in Barton.

The double or duplex rectangular building is two stories tall and five bays wide. Wall construction is of board and batten covered with weatherboard siding on the northwestern facade. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and bedmould on the flanks and a cornice and frieze on the gable ends. Two brick chimneys have corbeled caps. One is off center on the original portion of the building, and the other is on the interior of an addition. Two shed roofed board and batten additions telescope from the southeastern facade and rest on stone foundations of random rubble.

The entrances are offset on the northwestern facade with identical doors of one light and one panel with original hardware. Windows of the northwestern facade are nailed one over one light sashes. Other windows are original pegged six over six light shashes. A porch on the northwest has a hipped roof supported by four wooden roman doric columns.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1876 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This board and batten saltbox is located on Railroad Street in Barton.

Barton was originally part of the twelve hundred acre estate owned by the Reverend William Shaw, who settled there in 1794. (1) In 1853 his son, William Shaw, Jr. laid out 66 lots for the start of the mining town of Barton. (2)

Gottfried Merrbaugh bought lots six and seven of Barton from Andrew N. Shaw in 1871. This saltbox house was built by Merrbaugh in 1876 when his assessments show an improvement of \$700 on his lots. (3)

The building is rectangular, two stories tall and five bays wide. Wall construction is of board and batten covered with weatherboard siding on the principle facade. Two shed roofed board and batten additions telescope from the south-eastern facade with identical doors of one light and one panel with the original hardware.

- (1) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p. 140
- (2) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 79
- (3) Allegany County Assessments, Dist 9 1866-1895

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al, Alleghany County, A History Parsons, W. Va.

McClain Printing Company, 1976

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

60'x100'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Alleghany County Historic Sites

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Merrbaugh Saltbox
AL-VI-C-192

Allegany County Deed: Liber 499, Folio 622
Grantee: Warren R. Elliott and Frances Ann Elliott
Grantor: Olive Patricia Broy

Date: March 3, 1978

Allegany County Deed: Liber 349, Folio 497
Grantee: Olive Patricia Broy and Russell William Broy
Grantor: Horace P. Whitworth Jr., trustee

Date: August 3, 1962

Allegany County Deed: Liber 295, Folio 425
Grantee: Olive Patricia Broy
Grantor: Irwin Lewis Lyons and Marie B. Lyons, et al
Notes: left to William L. Lyons and Sadie C. Lyons
by Alfred Lyons

Date: December 31, 1957

Allegany County Deed: Liber 59, Folio 411
Grantee: Mary Lyons
Grantor: The Equitable Building Association of Barton

Date: November 10, 1882
Consideration: \$425.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 58, Folio 179
Grantee: The Equitable Building Association of Barton
Grantor: William Bruce, trustee
Notes: Equity Case #3123

Date: March 23, 1882
Consideration: \$400.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 33, Folio 235
Grantee: Gottfried Merrbaugh
Grantor: Andrew B. Shaw and wife

Date: March 29, 1871
Consideration: \$250.00

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: 10/27 AL-VI-C-192

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Barton Board & Batten Saltbox

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Railroad St.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 310° NW

NAME OF OWNER: P.O. is 7 houses from turn WR. Elliott 439/622

ADDRESS: this place is 6 house
double house 60x100 brown - unpainted

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(☒) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Add on SE - shed add to shed - shed

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☒) LOG
(☒) OTHER: Coverings weatherboard on NW

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone random rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2(☒) 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed(☒) wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 NW offset 1 light 1 panel each
HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) on flank on gable
original(☒) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(☒) gable() roman doric columns

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced(☒)
Location: Flush end() Inside end(☒) Outside end(☒) Central() Interior(☒)

DOORS: one 3 panel 1 light door on side
Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular of shed #1 orig.

COMMENTS:

USE: _____

SIGNIFICANCE: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

REMARKS: _____

REST

Hill 1251

Barton 1251

St. Gabriels Cem.

Morrison

Reynolds

Cannon

Franklin

Hampshire Hill

Potomac Hill

Strip Mine

Cumberland Creek

Georges Run

Phoenix Strip Mine

Mill Run

Dobson Run

Jackson Mtn

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ELLIOTT SALTBOX RAILROAD ST., B

USGS BARTON G

1:24,000

1966

671000m.E

A topographic map of the Barton Hill area. Handwritten annotations in black ink are overlaid on the map. At the top left, 'AL-VI-C-192' is written. Below it, 'ELLIOTT SALTBOX' is written in large, bold letters. To the right of 'ELLIOTT SALTBOX', the number '4377' is written. In the center, 'Dogwood Flat' is written. To the right of 'Dogwood Flat', 'Barton Hill' is written. Below these, 'RAILROAD ST., BARTON' is written. Further down, 'USGS BARTON QUAD.' is written. At the bottom left, '1:24,000' is written. At the bottom right, '1947' is written. The map shows contour lines, a road, and a river.

478

437

437

4375 000m.N

39°30'
9°00'

79°00'

(KEYSER)
5262 IV NW

PORT) 667

4 000

4L 20 FEET
SA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty Light-duty

Unimproved dirt =====

☐ State Route

MARYLAND



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MERRBAUGH

(ELIOTT) SALTBOX

RAILROAD ST. BARTON

DAVID A. DORSET

10/27/78

South



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MERRBAUGH
(ELIOTT) SALTBOX

RAILROAD ST., BARTON

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/27/78

North